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**PART 5: CALPEEK'S EARLY LINEUP FOR 1994.**

Editor's note: Here is the final part of our preview of the 1994 June primary for both major political parties. This week: The Board of Equalization, that powerful, but little known board of elected officials who collect about $32 billion in taxes every year. Here's our brief report on the four new districts...

• **1st District** - This is the Eureka to Monterey and Greater S.F. Bay area seat that looks like a backward 7. There is no incumbent and this district leans Democratic. Assemblyman Johan Klehs(D-San Leandro) is looking very seriously. In the rumor department, some sources say S.F. Co. Sup. Tom Hsieh(D) may be interested. No other names have surfaced...

• **2nd District** - This is the Butte to San Berdu Co. district that takes in all of the Central Valley and even a little bit of Ventura and L.A. Counties. This is a district that leans Republican. Assemblyman Dean Andal(R-Stockton) is all an but announced candidate for this seat. Other GOP names that have surfaced include State Sen. Bill Leonard of Upland; Assemblyman Stan Statham of Oak Run; and CRP Regional Vice Chair Nick Bavaro. Sources say Bavaro is serious. On the Demo side, sources say Joe Micallef will once again run for this seat. He came in second to former BOE member Bill Bennett(D) in 1990 Demo primary...

• **3rd District** - This is the So. Calif. district now represented by incumbent BOE member Ernie Dronenburg, who is likely to run again. This is a very strong GOP district, so Demos need not apply. It takes in Long Beach, Torrance & Lancaster from L.A. Co., and all of Orange, Riverside, Imperial and San Diego Counties...

• **4th District** - This is the district which is now represented by BOE member Brad Sherman(D). It takes in just about all of the L.A. County and is a Demo leaning district. Sherman is testing the waters for a possible run for controller, but that's not locked in stone. So there are about 6-7 others who are nosing around. We have heard only one name so far, Pasadena Councilman Chris Holden. Stay tuned...

**SOME VACATION TIME FOR CALPEEK**

We will be taking some vacation time next week so there won't be a newsletter for the week of Aug. 16. The next newsletter will be dated Aug. 23. We also plan to take vacation during Labor Day week.

**4th S.D. SPECIAL UPDATE: ODDS ARE GOOD GOP WILL TAKE THIS DISTRICT FROM THE DEMOCRATS.**

Most sources in Sacto tell CALPEEK that there is little doubt that GOP Senate Leader Ken Maddy and his Republican colleagues will pick up this senate seat that was previously held by Demo State Sen. Mike Thompson. Why the gloomy assessment for Demos???

...The Demos were unable to recruit their first choice, Gridley farmer Michael Boeger, who by most accounts would have been a **very strong contender** to hold this seat in the Demo column. When Boeger decided not to run, the State Senate Demos basically gave up the search. Thus the Demos are left with what one Demo source called "The B Team," attorney Montana Podva and Dennis Chunning, an unsuccessful assembly candidate from the mid 1980s. Podva has won the support of the 8 Demo County Central Cmts. from this northern Calif. area, but is considered a long shot against either of the two frontrunning GOP candidates, former Assemblywoman Bev Hansen or Shasta County Sup. Maurice Johannessen. The district has a 46% Demo vs.

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38% GOP registration, meaning this district leans Republican, because the Demos don't have a strong candidate...

...As for Hansen and Johannessen, the campaign continues on its nasty and negative course, mostly on the part of Hansen. Despite the fact that she probably has better name ID and a very solid base in Sonoma Co., one gets the feeling that Johannessen could pull an upset. Johannessen is a wealthy businessman and has pumped much of his own money into this race. Combine that with the fact that hardline conservatives (anti-tax, pro-gun, anti-abortion) groups will be backing Johannessen, and this could be the edge the supervisor needs to pull an upset...

...However, one has to remember that in a special, party lines don't mean a thing --- thus Demos, if they like Hansen, could cross over to cast their votes for her. A lot of Demos in Sacto support Hansen in private and this might have been yet another reason why the Demos had such a tough time finding a quality candidate to run in this race. Stay tuned...

**STATE SEN. DEDDEH ANNOUNCES HE WILL RETIRE FROM OFFICE AUG. 17. SPECIAL SET FOR NOV. 2ND.**

State Sen. Wadie P. Deddeh(D-Chula Vista), a fixture in the CA Legislature for 27 years both as a member of the Assembly and State Senate, will announce his resignation on Aug. 17th --- thus following the lead of State Sen. Becky Morgan, who also will resign on that day. The Aug. 17th resignation will allow Gov. Pete Wilson to call a special election in the 40th S.D. on Nov. 2nd. Deddeh will return to teaching at Southwestern Community College in Chula Vista...

...Deddeh's announcement caught many insiders off guard, but it was not a shock to State Assemblyman Steve Peace(D-Chula Vista), who will run for Deddeh's seat. Peace and Deddeh are political allies. And at this point, Peace is a **clear favorite** to hold the 40th S.D. for the Demos. By running here, it means that Peace will drop any plans he may have had to run statewide -- such as for Insurance Commissioner...

...As to who can hold Peace's 79th A.D. seat for the Demos, that's a question of concern to Demo Assembly Speaker Willie Brown. The 79th A.D. has a 55% Demo vs. 30% GOP registration. A few names have surfaced. They include Chula Vista Mayor Tim Nader, San Diego School Board member Dr. Shirley Webber and San Diego Community College Trustee Denise Moreno Ducheny --- all Democrats. Stay tuned...

**27th A.D. SPECIAL UPDATE: DEMOS VERY WORRIED.**

Editor's note: The battle to replace Sam Farr(D) in the State Assembly is just weeks away. The special is set for Aug. 31st. Here is CALPEEK's update & analysis about the 27th A.D., which takes in Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties...

...With a 51% Demo vs. 30.5% GOP voter registration edge, you'd think Assembly Demos would be all smiles. Not so. They are nervous about holding onto Farr's Assembly seat. Why?? Several reasons. Demos are fairly sure that the Assembly Republicans are preparing to pour big bucks into the Nov. 2nd runoff to support the GOP nominee, whether it be Susan Whitman or Bruce McPherson, the two leading contenders...

...Second, the Nov. 2nd runoff should see a large turnout of conservative voters, anxious to vote FOR the voucher plan (Prop. 174) and AGAINST the sales tax extension (Prop. 172). Two of the leading Demos in this special favor the tax extension, Gary Patton and John Laird. And it's the taxes which really have the Demos worried, especially when combined with the bashing that Demos are now taking over the Clinton Admin.'s tax proposals...

...The only Demo in this race who **opposes** Prop. 172 is local school board member Carolyn Plummer. Sources think she'd be super in the general election, because she not only opposes the tax extension, but is also PRO-death penalty. This is where she differs with Patton and Laird, who are much more liberal. But sources think she'll have a tough time get ting past either Santa Cruz Co. Sup. Patton or former Santa Cruz Mayor Laird in the primary. Some sources rate Patton as the frontrunning Demo in this special...

...FYI: Campaign consultant Richie Ross is handling Plummer; consultant Larry Sheingold is managing Laird's campaign; and direct mail consultant Richard Schlackman and the polling firm of Fairbank, Maslin & Maullin are working for Patton. GOP consultant Gordon Poole is managing McPherson's effort. Stay tuned...

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***IT'S CAMPBELL ALL ALONE IN THE 11th S.D. SPECIAL.***
Former Congressman Tom Campbell is now by himself as the GOP frontrunner in an as yet to be called special election to replace State Sen. Becky Morgan(R-Los Altos Hills), who is expected to resign from the upper house on Aug. 17th. On Friday, July 30th, GOP Assemblyman Charles Quackenbush of San Jose announced he was dropping out the special --- this after pumping about $250,000 of his own money into his unannounced campaign and making noises about how he would stay in the race no matter what. So why did Quackenbush drop out? Sources believe Quackenbush may have gotten wind of a Campbell poll which showed the former House member beating the Assemblyman 50% to 17%. Or did Quackenbush see some polling data of his own --- like from pollster Bob Moore??? Bottomline: the Demos have yet to recruit a credible candidate (Byron Sher, Ted Lempert and Dianne McKenna have all said NO to State Sen. Bill Lockyer) and at this point time is running out. Stay tuned...

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: HOT BILLS TO WATCH.**
Editor's note: When CA lawmakers come back from their summer recess they will have about one more month to enact a large stack of bills that have yet to win approval. Here are some of the hot bills...

- **Presidential Primary** - AB 2196 by Assemblyman Jim Costa(D-Fresno) would move Calif.'s presidential primary to the 4th Tuesday in March. AB 2196 has passed the Assembly and now awaits an Aug. 16th hearing before the Senate Appropriations Cmt...

- **Statewide Smoking Ban** - AB 13 by Assemblyman Terry Friedman(D-L.A.) would ban smoking in all indoor workplaces, including bars & restaurants. This bill has passed the Assembly and now awaits an Aug. 17th hearing before the Senate Judiciary Cmt...

- **Full Metal Jacket** - SB 1128 by State Sen. David Roberti(D-Van Nuys) would limit the number of bullets allowed in clips of various pistols, rifles and shotguns. Some call this the Clip Control Bill. It has passed the Senate and now awaits a hearing before the Assembly W&M Cmt. No hearing date as yet. Sources say the key to passage depends on a trade-off on some other gun-related issues. The "players" to watch will be PORAC and the American Shooting Sports Assn...

- **Caltrans Contracting Out** - AB 2401 by Assemblyman Richard Polanco(D-L.A.) and SB 1209 by State Sen. Marian Bergeson(R-Newport Beach) do almost the same thing: allow Caltrans to contract out some engineering jobs due to overloads in the department. Polanco's AB 2401 is scheduled to be heard before the Assembly Transp. Cmt. Aug. 16th. Bergeson's bill has passed the Senate and has been sent the Assembly Transp. Cmt., but no hearing has been scheduled. Both bills have urgency clauses...

- **Card Club Madness** - AB 995 by Assemblyman Curtis Tucker Jr.(D-Inglewood) would allow Hollywood Park to go forward with its plans to build a huge card club at the race track. This bill has been passed by both houses, but is due back in the Assembly for a 2/3rds vote on concurrence with senate amendments on Aug. 16th. Stay tuned...

**CALPEEK'S 1993 ELECTION CALENDAR**
Editor's note: Here's a short election calendar to help you keep track of all the specials, runoffs and other elections...

- **Aug. 10** - Bellflower card club special election...
- **Aug. 31** - 4th S.D. & 27th A.D. special election...
- **Sept. 21** - San Diego Council elections...

- **Nov. 2** - Statewide Special Election: Props. 168 to 174; San Francisco City Attorney & Treasurer election; San Diego council runoffs; 4th S.D. & 27th A.D. special runoff elections; and 11th & 40th S.D. special primaries; and 64 muni elections around the State...

**U.S. REP. STEVE HORN AT LINCOLN CLUB MEETING.**
U.S. Rep. Steve Horn(R-Long Beach) will address members of the Lincoln Club of San Gabriel Valley, 7:30 a.m. breakfast, Aug. 20, Industry Hills Sheraton Hotel. For info & RSVPs, call Natalie Blanning at (818)919-7497...

**COUNCILMAN ALARCON AT L.A. AFFAIRS FORUM.**
New L.A. Councilman Richard Alarcon will be the guest speaker at the L.A. Current Affairs Forum, 11:30 a.m. reception, 12 noon lunch, Aug. 26, Hyatt Regency Hotel, L.A. For info or RSVPs, call Emma Schafer at (310)445-8862...

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**RECEPTION TO HONOR U.S. REP. MAXINE WATERS.**
L.A. Mayor Richard Riordan, Assembly Speaker Willie Brown, Lt. Gov. Leo McCarthy, CA Controller Gray Davis, State Tres. Kathleen Brown, Insurance Comm. John Garamendi and more than 40 other elected officials are some of the guests who are scheduled to attend a buffet reception honoring U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Aug. 20th, Crystal Ballroom, Biltmore Hotel, L.A. For info & RSVPs (213)629-5414...

***SMOKING WARS: L.A. CITY BATTLE MOVES TO COURT.***
Editor's note: Both sides in the battle to ban smoking in L.A. City restaurants were to be in court as CALPEEK went to press, so we'll update this continuing story in our next issue. In the meantime, here's our report on *SMOKING WARS*...

...In last week's story, some 97,572 signatures had been turned in by opponents of the new law to ban smoking in city restaurants. And most sources, pro & con, felt the new law would be put on hold until June of 1994 because the L.A. Hospitality Coalition had more than enough names to qualify a referendum. But the L.A. City Clerk's count (a random count of 5% of the total number of signatures) showed the fewer than 43% of the signatures were valid. And many of the petitions were tossed out because the petition circulators were **not** city residents, as required by city law. Thus the clerk declared that the petition drive had failed...

...So by 10 a.m., Aug. 2nd, the new anti-smoking law was put in place --- causing massive confusion in L.A. City restaurants. Now the battle goes to the court and here CALPEEK sources think the L.A. Hospitality Coalition has a fair chance of forcing the clerk to reopen the counting procedure. Why???

...On July 30th, a Contra Costa superior court judge overturned a City of Pittsburg law very similar to L.A. City's law, requiring that petition circulators be city residents. The 1,186 names that were tossed out because of the L.A. City law represented a fairly good hunk in the 5% sample, this according to CALPEEK sources. So if the judge rules in favor of the coalition, then it's possible the percentage of valid signatures might jump into the 90% to 110% range, thus forcing the clerk go through all of the petitions --- and that's what the coalition is hoping. Stay tuned...

**DOG DAYS OF SUMMER: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.**
Editor's note: Here are a few political items worth noting...

- **Roberti Recall Update** - State Sen. David Roberti(D-Van Nuys) has hired consultant Harvey Englander *just in case* the recall drive now in progress should qualify for the ballot next year. Smart move...

- **Ziegaus to the Rescue** - Public relations exec Alan Ziegaus of San Diego's Stoorza, Ziegaus & Metzger has become a paid, but part-time strategic media advisor to GOP Gov. Pete Wilson. Is Ziegaus another Otto Bos? No, but he's regarded as being very savvy...

- **Donut Corrections** - In our donut story from last week, we said the Green vs. Grisham special was in 1983. The special was in 1987. Also, the idea for donuts, according to Jerry Seedborg, came from consultant Michael Berman. Seedborg says he took the Berman's donut idea to Senate Demo Leader David Roberti, who approved the plan. And it was Chris Lopez from BAD Campaigns, with assistance from Chuck Levine, who implemented the plan. 15,000 dozen donuts were traded for voter stubs...

**NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.**
Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

- Orange Co.-based Campaign Management, Inc. has changed its name to Englander Woolridge Pierson & Company. Joining managing partner Harvey England and senior partner Dan Woolridge in September will be Jerry Pierson, who is president of the Assn. of Orange Co. Deputy Sheriffs. Pierson will head EWP's new public safety division. Two other new partners have also joined EWP. They are Peter Murphy, anchor on the 24-hr. all news OCN in Orange Co.; and Greg Brooks, former sr. staffer at the Orange Co Business Journal. Murphy will head EWP's media division, while Brooks will be in charge of EWP's research & marketing division...

- Ray LeBov has been named Asst. Director of Legislation of the Admin. Office of the CA Courts...

- Ellis/Hart Associates has moved to a new office at 1301 Dove Street, Ste. 710, Newport Beach, CA 92660. New phone is (714)442-1777...

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